



BIOGRAPHY

Vickie L. Nadolski

Director, NOAA's National Weather Service Western Region

Vickie Nadolski was appointed Director of the National Weather Service Western Region in January 1999. Her career spans more than two decades of dedicated public service.

She oversees 24 Weather Forecast Offices (WFO), three River Forecast Centers (RFC), four Center Weather Service Units, and several Port Meteorological Offices, which provide weather, hydrologic, and climate forecasts and warnings for eight states, adjacent waters, and ocean areas for the protection of life and property and the enhancement of the national economy. The NWS Western Region includes Arizona, California, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Utah, and Washington. The NWS data and products form a national information database and infrastructure used by other governmental agencies, the private sector, the public, and the global community.

Ms. Nadolski served more than a decade in both program management and as the manager of the \$230 million tri-agency acquisition of the Automated Surface Observing System (ASOS) at National Weather Service Headquarters in Silver Spring, Maryland. This entailed managing the collaborative efforts of the Department of Commerce, Department of Defense and Department of Transportation to define, develop and implement more than 900 ASOS sites. The ASOS serves as the nation's primary surface weather observing network supporting both weather forecast activities and aviation operations.

In the early 1980s, Ms. Nadolski began development of sensors and algorithms to support automation and managed demonstration test bed projects at the NWS' Sterling, Virginia Test and Development Center. She began her NWS career as a staff meteorologist in 1976 in Cleveland, Ohio, where she issued public, aviation, and marine weather forecasts and warnings for 32 counties in Ohio, Pennsylvania, and Lake Erie.

Ms. Nadolski holds a Bachelor of Science in Mathematics from the University of Georgia with additional study of Meteorology from Pennsylvania State University. Her numerous awards include the Department of Commerce Silver Medal and several awards from local, state, and national organizations for her work on automating surface observations. She has authored many articles on the ASOS program and its impact on automated observing systems.

Ms. Nadolski presently serves as the Western Region Vice President of the Federation of Government Information Processing Councils. She was also recently named the U.S. gender focal point for the World Meteorological Organization.